

On ~~page~~ 13, ~~line~~ 3, change "to" to --may--.

On ~~page~~ 13, ~~line~~ 5, change ", using a method which is" to ---.

On ~~page~~ 13, delete line 6.

On ~~page~~ 13, ~~line~~ 23, delete "essentially".

IN THE ABSTRACT: *Didn't see Abstract*

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Line 4, change ", " to ---.

Line 5, change "the" to --The--, change "being" to -is--, and change "interfaces" to --interface--.

Line 7, change ", " to ---.

Line 8, change "provision being made for a" to --A--, and change "(1)" to --is provided--.

Line 13, delete "(2)".

Line 15, delete "(3)".

Delete line 17.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-5 in the underlying PCT application PCT/DE98/07660.

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 1-4 in the annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report ("IPER").

~~Please~~ add the following new claims: